

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4. (canceled)

5. (withdrawn) A mop swab comprising a plurality of ribbons as set forth in Claim 14 wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally of the swab in a bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

6-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A yarn substitute comprising:
an outer layer of inexpensive waste material folded onto itself to form an upper outer layer and a lower outer layer;
and

an inner layer of inexpensive waste material between said upper and lower outer layers,

said inner layer and said upper and lower outer layers being connected together along ~~a central or substantially central portion~~ substantially an entire length of the inner and outer layers by a connection extending through the outer layers and inner layer to maintain the inner layer between the upper and

lower outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner layer relative to the outer ~~layer~~ layers.

14. (currently amended) An elongate ribbon comprising:
a strip of absorbent outer non-woven fabric at least folded over onto itself longitudinally to form upper and lower outer fabric layers; and

~~filled with~~ an absorbent inner filling formed from waste from non-woven materials and being between the upper and lower layers to form a sandwich structure,

the outer fabric layers and inner filling being connected together along ~~a central or substantially central portion~~ substantially an entirety of the inner filling and outer layers by a connection extending through the outer layers and inner filling to maintain the inner filling between the outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the outer layers.

15. (currently amended) An elongate ribbon comprising:
outer strips of non-woven fabric; and
~~layered with~~ an inner filling formed from waste from non-woven materials and being layered between said outer strips to form a sandwich structure,

said outer strips and said inner filling being bound together by a connection extending through the outer strips and

inner filling along ~~a central or substantially central portion~~
substantially an entirety of the inner filling and the outer
strips to maintain the inner filling between the outer strips and
to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the
outer strips.

16. (withdrawn) An elongate ribbon according to claim
15, wherein there are a plurality of elongate ribbons each having
a distal end, a proximal end, each said proximal end being
connected to a fixture and each said distal end being free.

17. (withdrawn) The elongate ribbon as claimed in claim
16, wherein each of said plural elongate ribbons are folded over
themselves along a respective longitudinal axis.

18. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim
13, wherein said yarn substitute is formed into a plurality of
ribbons.

19. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim
18, wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally in
bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

20. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, where in the elongate ribbons are formed of a non-woven material.

21. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons have margins which are joined together.

22. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 21, wherein the margins are connected by one of stitching and fabric rolling.

23. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein the waste material of both the inner and outer layers is absorbent.